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SUBJECT: ITALIAN ASSISTANCE TO MALTA

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1. EMBOFF NOV 27 OBTAINED FURTHER DETAILS OF POSSIBLE INTEREST REGARDING VALLETTA VISIT EARLIER THIS MONTH OF GOI DELEGATION TO RENEGOTIATE FOR 1974-75 BILATERAL CULTURAL, TECHNICAL AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION PROGRAMS WITH MALTA (REFTEL). SOURCE OF INFO WAS SERGIO BALANZINO, MFA TECHNICAL COOPERATION DIVISION, WHO PARTICIPATED IN TALKS.

2. BLANAZINO STATED THAT GOI TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROGRAM UNDER DISCUSSION INVOLVED PARTICIPATION OF ABOUT 50 ITALIAN EXPERTS, 30-35 OF WHOM ARE INVOLVED IN ASSISTANCE TO PIONEER CORPS. REMAINDER AS FOLLOWS: A GROUP OF SURVEYORS TO WORK WITH MINISTRY OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND WORKS, 2 VETERINARIANS, 2 RE-FORESTATION EXPERTS, AND SEVERAL CIVIL ENGINEERS TO WORK ON EXPANSION LUQA AIRPORT. BALANZINO ESTIMATED COST TO ITALY THIS PROGRAM

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OVER 1974-75 PERIOD ABOUT \$3 MILLION. IN ADDITION, MALTESE ARE

TO CONTRIBUTE A TOKEN AMOUNT FROM THEIR RESOURCES.

3. PRESENCE IN DELEGATION OF NUNZIO MELE FROM GOI MINISTRY POST AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS RELATES TO MALTESE INTEREST IN ESTABLISHING TELEPHONE AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS CHANNEL TO TALLY WHICH WOULD IMPROVE MALTA'S COMMUNICATIONS LINKS WITH EUROPE AND REST OF WORLD. GOM HAS ASKED ITALY TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL EXPERTS AND FACILITIES TO SET UP SUCH A LINK, FOR WHICH MALTA STATES WILLING TO PURCHASE UP TO \$340,000 WORTH OF EQUIPMENT. DISCUSSIONS PRESENTLY IN PRELIMINARY STAGE WITH AGREEMENT TO MEET AGAIN IN MALTA BEFORE END DECEMBER. IF PROJECT MATERIALIZES, PIONEER PROGRAM WOULD BE VEHICLE FOR TRAINING MALTESE TO MAINTAIN THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS LINK.

4. BALANZINO CHARACTERIZED GENERAL ATMOSPHERE OF THE VISIT AS "VERY POSITIVE." EMPHASIZED THE CLOSE PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP THAT EXISTS BETWEEN MINTOFF AND AMBASSADOR MONDELLO, AS WELL AS THE WIDESPREAD FEELING OF SYMPATHY FOR ITALY EVIDENT IN MALTESE PEOPLE. VOLPE

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